Water Noise Range, Base and Depot spares and MDL infrastructure. It also includes the cost of contract between MDL, Mumbai and M/s Armaris, France; MDL and Government of India; and Government of India and M/s MBDA, France. Transfer of the build technology would enable Indian Naval Design Team to undertake modifications/replacement of equipment from third submarine onwards. The design knowledge would also help in the indigenous design and construction of submarines planned for the second phase of 30 year submarine construction programme. French scorpene class submarines are considered to be one of the best conventional submarines in the world.

Expenditure Incurred on Indo-Sri Lanka joint patrolling

1550. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 114 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th November, 2005 and state:

(a) the expenditure on Indo-Sri Lanka joint patrolling;

(b) whether Government had taken precautions to avoid harassing fishermen during the patrolling; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) While answering the Starred Question No. 114 on 30.11.2005, it was mentioned that there has been no joint patrol with the Sri Lankan Navy. Therefore, the question of incurring expenditure on Indo-Sri Lanka Joint Patrolling does not arise.

(b) and (c) The Indian Navy and the Coast Guard, during patrolling, do not harass the Indian fishermen. However, the fishermen are regularly educated by these agencies not to cross the International Maritime Boundary Line to avoid apprehension by the Sri Lankan Navy.

Release on cash and rice for the flood-ravaged areas of Andhra Pradesh

1551. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH;

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh requested Union Government